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## **LOGAN ART GALLERY**

### **Winner at State Awards**

The Winners and Finalists of the **2021 Gallery and Museum Achievement Awards** (GAMAA) were proudly announced by Museums & Galleries Queensland tonight, 14 December, at a special live-streamed presentation.

**Logan Art Gallery** was announced as **Winner** for its outstanding achievement in the category of Engagement: Organisations with Paid Staff for its project ***Our stories and designs***.

*Our stories and designs* is the title of a Logan Art Gallery exhibition of works by local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists, curated by Amanda Hayman of Blaklash Creative. The project derived from Logan City Council's call-out for expressions of interest from local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists to submit a design for a mural to be painted on the Chester Park water tower in Boronia Heights. The call-out received an incredibly strong response, making Gallery staff aware of a number of local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists in their region that were previously unknown to the Gallery. The quality of the submissions were such that Gallery staff suggested a group exhibition be developed to showcase and celebrate the strength, quality and diversity of these local artists and curator.

*Our stories and designs* was a feature exhibition in Logan Art Gallery's 2019 Exhibitions Program, showcasing the works of seven local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists: Kyra Mancktelow, Casey Coolwell, Jessica Skeen-McKinnon, Sally Terare, Sylvia Nakachi, Cara Shields and Kim Williams.

**Museums & Galleries Queensland** (M&G QLD) Executive Director, Rebekah Butler said, "Logan Art Gallery is to be congratulated for its continued commitment to supporting local artists and to celebrating the cultural diversity of the local community. This project not only strengthened relationships between Logan Art Gallery and local Aboriginal and Torres Strait artists and communities, it also provided opportunities for existing audiences to connect with the stories and artwork of these artists who had not previously exhibited with the gallery."

Ms Butler continued, "This is Logan Art Gallery's fifth consecutive GAMAA!"

The GAMAA were established by Museums & Galleries Queensland in 2004 to honour the achievements of our State's individuals and organisations in striving towards excellence.

The Winners received an exquisitely crafted ceramic trophy by Queensland artist, **Michelle Yeatman**, courtesy of Yarrabah Arts and Cultural Precinct. Michelle belongs to the Gunggannji people. Her work draws on her intimate knowledge of Country and reflects her relationship with Jilghi Beach at Yarrabah. Commissioned by M&G QLD, this year's trophies are generously sponsored by Public Galleries Queensland and Australian Museums and Galleries Association (Queensland).

For the full list of GAMAA Winners and Finalists and to view the GAMAA presentation visit: [https://magsq.com.au/?page\\_id=5826](https://magsq.com.au/?page_id=5826).

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